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1. The following numbers of Soviet military personnel were observed aboard leave trains in Frankfurt/Oder on 19 and 20 October 1951:

Date	To Brest-Litovsk	From Brest-Litovsk
19 October	300 and 320	420 and 430
20 October	330 and 310	450 and 440 (1)

2. According to the records of the 3d Subdistrict Office of the Berlin railroad district, a total of 112 boxcars and 315 empty flatcars were dispatched to Forst Zinna from Justerbog, Oranienburg, Dallgow-Doberitz, Erfurt, Wittenberg, Bernau, Wusternmark and Neuruppin between 25 and 28 October. (2)

3. Troop trains which were dispatched from Forst Zinna to Wittenberg, included a train of 14 boxcars and 40 flatcars, shipment-record [REDACTED], on 26 October; a 25X1A train of 18 flatcars, shipment-record [REDACTED], and a train of 13 boxcars and 25X1A 19 flatcars, shipment-record [REDACTED], on 27 October; and a train of 10 boxcars 25X1A and 20 flatcars, shipment-record [REDACTED], and a train of 3 boxcars and 20 25X1A flatcars, shipment-record [REDACTED], on 28 October. (2) 25X1A

4. Empty troop trains listed in the records of the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station between 26 and 29 October included: shuttle-train [REDACTED] of 53 boxcars from 25X1A Rousengarten to Frankfurt/Oder on 26 October to be cleaned; shuttle-train [REDACTED] 25X1A of 53 boxcars from unknown direction to Kuestrin on 27 October; a train of 26 boxcars and 33 flatcars from Frankfurt/Oder to Lieberose on 27 October, to be subsequently loaded at Lieberose; and shuttle-train [REDACTED] of 53 boxcars from 25X1A direction of Grunow to Frankfurt/Oder on 29 October to be cleaned. (3)

5. At 11:30 a.m. on 28 October, a troop train of 10 boxcars with troops and an unidentified number of flatcars with eight 76.2-mm guns and 14 trucks, which had numbers of the [REDACTED] series, passed through the Wuster-25X1A mark marshaling yard. The train came from a westerly direction and went to Doberitz. (4)

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6. An order to the Wustermark railroad station specified that the following railroad cars were to be assembled for loading at the following railroad stations:

<u>Railroad Cars</u>	<u>Railroad Station and Date</u>
Shuttle-train 25X1A and an unknown number of SSY-type flatcars	Boernicke 22 October
Shuttle-train 25X1A and 12 SSY-type flatcars	Mennhausen 22 October
9 SSY-type flatcars and 1 converted boxcar	Buschow 22 October
9 boxcars and 33 flatcars	Gross-Dehmitz 22 October
2 boxcars and 16 converted boxcars	Buschow 23 October
19 converted boxcars and 19 flatcars	Rathenow 24 October
16 converted boxcars and 28 flatcars	Buschow 24 October
7 converted boxcars and 33 flatcars	Gross-Dehmitz 24 October (5)

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7. It was learned at the Directorate General of Railroads, Berlin, that most of the loading operations between 23 and 26 October were performed in the Dessau-Koethen-Stendal area and between 28 and 30 October in the Halle railroad district. (6)

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Comments.

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- (1) The volume of daily leave traffic from and to Frost Litovsk on 19 and 20 October exceeded that of the previous week by about one third.
- (2) Probably trains effecting the movement of components of the 6th Gds Tank Div from the Werdor-Markendorf training area to their permanent post Wittenberg. Preparations for this movement were previously observed at the loading ramp in Werdor by [redacted] on 25 October. 25X1A
- (3) Shuttle-train No 103, is probably identical with the empty train previously observed by another source when passing through Kuesstrin and proceeding eastward. [redacted]. The empty cars from Frankfurt/Oder to Lieberose on 27 October were probably used for the return movements of components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div to their home stations from Lieberose.
- (4) The number series indicate that the train carried a unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. On 27 October, [redacted] two troop trains of this army, including one train, which definitely had been loaded at the Doberitz railroad station. [redacted]. The units may have participated in the maneuvers in the Letzling Heath-Rathenow area.
- (5) Boernicke, Mennhausen, Buschow and Gross-Dehmitz are situated on the Rathenow-Wustermark railroad line. The trains are believed to be used to pick up troops from the Letzling Heath-Rathenow maneuver area. The assembly of empty rolling stock on the same railroad line between 24 and 26 October was reported by [redacted].
- (6) The information on loading operations in the Stendal area confirms the information in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the present report. The field exercises of the 21st Gds Mecz Div in the Dessau area seem to have also terminated in late October. See [redacted].

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